

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Douglas L. Attig, M.D., a 52 year-old physician from Tacoma, Washington, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. The Board was investigating disciplinary action taken against Dr. Attig's Washington medical license.

Edeliro A. Escobar, M.D., a 64 year-old physician practicing in Fort Madison, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Escobar was charged by the Board with inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to an immediate family member on numerous occasions between 1997 and June 2001. Dr. Escobar received a Citation and Warning and was ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine.

Donald R. Hall, D.O., a 46 year-old physician from Des Moines, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license. Dr. Hall was serving five (5) years probation due to substance abuse.

David C. Naden, M.D., a 72 year-old physician from Menomonie, Wisconsin, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. The Board was investigating a disciplinary matter in the state of Wisconsin.

Fred L. Nevius, D.O., a 66 year-old physician from Louisiana, Missouri, entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Iowa Board. Dr. Nevius was charged by the Iowa Board and received a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the Arizona Medical Board for substance abuse. He has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Gerald M. Paul, M.D., a 60 year-old physician from Northridge, California, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Paul was charged by the Iowa Board for being disciplined by the California Medical Board for inappropriately paying for referral services. Dr. Paul received a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. He has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Richard Lee Pinegar, Jr., M.D., a 51 year-old physician from Gloucester, Massachusetts, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. Dr. Pinegar was charged by the Iowa Board with being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. The Massachusetts Board suspended Dr. Pinegar's medical license, stayed the suspension, and placed Dr. Pinegar's license on probation for substance abuse. Dr. Pinegar has successfully completed the disciplinary terms in Massachusetts. The Iowa Board issued Dr. Pinegar a Citation and Warning for being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state. He has not practiced in Iowa for some time.

Pradeep Sarswat, M.D., a 52 year-old physician from Marshalltown, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order with the Iowa Board. Dr. Sarswat was charged with the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to substance abuse. Dr. Sarswat was charged with substance abuse on two prior occasions in 1989. Dr. Sarswat's Iowa medical license was suspended for 60 days, he was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine and his license was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years under certain terms and conditions.